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Mr. Nettleton has been a member of the "Monitor" staff since 1926 as an editorial writer and writer of special articles.

IRVING GILMAN

Research Director of the

Newspaper Guild

Mr. Gilman has been a newspaper man for 14 years and was formerly connected with the N. Y. Times. He conducted a radio program "The News and What to Do About It." During the war he served as a member of the National War Labor Board.

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Subject

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AND NO ONE WILL BE ADMITTED AFTER THAT HOUR.**

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CAUSE FOR ALARM—BUT NOT DESPAIR

ALTHOUGH the decision of the United Nations Assembly to establish a Jewish State in Palestine seemed definite and unqualified, it has become increasingly evident that the approval of the Partition proposal by the overwhelming majority of the nations of the world was only the first phase in a long and difficult battle for its implementation. Our hopes for a quick and peaceful settlement of the difficulties in Eretz Israel because of the anticipated influence of the moral authority of the United Nations must give way to the disappointing realization that there are mighty and evil forces arrayed against us, forces which know not the meaning of justice and morality. We hoped for the best. Unfortunately, we must come to grips with the worst.

There is cause for alarm, but no reason to despair. In Palestine, where our brethren are writing a new chapter of Jewish heroism, all reports seem to indicate that the Yishuv has more than held its own. We have retreated from no position, however small, however isolated. The economic and social life of more than two-thirds of the Palestinian Jewish community has not been disturbed by the fighting. At the same time the Arabs have suffered great losses, and the economy of most large Arab communities has been seriously disrupted. In Haifa, for example, more than 20,000 Arabs have been forced to leave the city, and the manufacturing center is practically dormant. Jaffa is torn by starvation and internal strife.

However vital and stirring the achievements of the Yishuv are, the main battle

for our Jewish state at present will not be waged in the Hills of Judea or in Northern Galilee but in the Security Council of the United Nations at Lake Success. It is on this diplomatic front and in the propaganda war that our enemies have registered success. The greatest blow to our cause and to the cause of the United Nations has been the "neutralization" of the United States. Neutrality, in the King's English, means actively abetting the Arabs to liquidate the Yishuv, or forcing the Yishuv into a position where it will have to compromise even further with the Arabs and England. But England's hypocrisy and duplicity, although to be deplored, was anticipated. Most disappointing and discouraging has been the United States stand. Our neutrality, e.g., arms-embargo, means passive support of the English-Arab policy by shutting the door to the Yishuv's only source of armament strength.

It is no secret that it was only because of the direct and active intervention by the United States delegation in the Assembly that the Partition plan was accepted. Only by continued pressure by the United States will it have any chance of survival. If the United States will not assume active leadership in this implementation, it will be tantamount to a reversal in policy in spite of the vague reassurances of the President and the Secretary of State.

The key then to our future is Washington—and our enemies know it. The aims of all their propaganda is to insure the continued "neutrality" of the United States by deceiving the American people

into the belief that Jewish Palestinian immigrants may be communist agents, and that the active participation of the United States in Palestine would alienate the Arab world and jeopardize the supply of oil which is necessary for our national security. They would have us think that a pro-Zion policy is anti-American and pro-communist. We do not pretend to possess the omniscience of so-called military experts who are urging us to give heed to these propagandists. Moshe Shertok, in a speech made in this city, stated: "The Arabs cannot drink their oil, and they will not sell their oil for rubles. They want to sell the oil for dollars." Even if we were to concede (and we are not ready to do so) that we may lose some oil, let us ask wherein lies our security and the security of the world—in an oil pipeline or in effective international agreements made by the United Nations.

The second phase of the battle in the Jewish State is reaching a climax. Nothing less than the future of the United Nations and our hopes for world peace are at stake. When the stakes are that high, the United States cannot remain "neutral."

—MANUEL SALTZMAN.

Prof. Alexander Marx Is 70

THIS month we celebrated the seventieth birthday of one of the most revered and beloved teachers and scholars, Professor Alexander Marx. Practically every institution of higher Jewish learning in America, Palestine and those European lands where Jewish academies still exist, and many non-Jewish universities and academies, joined in a tribute of gratitude and affection.

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Professor Marx is one of those rare personalities who combine mastery in almost every field of Jewish learning with spiritual fineness and nobility in character. Hundreds of rabbis throughout the land who, during the last forty-five years, were his students at the Jewish Theological Seminary are indebted to him for a love of Jewish history, and for an appreciation of painstaking research and scientific methods in Jewish studies. His book on Jewish history, which he wrote in collaboration with the sainted Professor Max Margolies, is today one of the authoritative and standard works in this important field.

It is to him that we are indebted above all for the library of the Jewish Theological Seminary, which, under his persistent and devoted efforts, now houses the largest collection of Jewish books and manuscripts in the world. He is recognized as the greatest Jewish bibliographer, and there is hardly an important work on any Jewish subject published in the last few decades whose author is not indebted to Prof. Marx for aid in supplying helpful material.

It has been well said that the real teacher influences his pupils not only by the words of his lips—important as they may be—but by his personality. Prof. Marx influenced thousands of students through his lovable personality, as well as by his knowledge.

The readers of the *Center Review* join his many admirers in extending to him and to Mrs. Marx their congratulations and good wishes. It is their fervent prayer that our Heavenly Father may bless them with life, health and strength, so that this great teacher may continue to enrich Jewish spiritual and cultural life for many, many more years to come.

—ISRAEL H. LEVINTHAL.

U. J. A. Campaign For Palestine Defense Fund

THE United Jewish Appeal has recently proclaimed an emergency campaign to raise \$10,000,000 for immediate and direct aid for the defense of the Yishuv in Eretz Israel. This money must be collected by February 28th. The special campaign brings into sharp relief the grave danger which confronts the Yishuv and the importance of the success of the

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"JUST BETWEEN OURSELVES"

"בינינו לבין עצמנו"

An Intimate Chat Between Rabbi and Reader

PAYING DUES IS NOT ENOUGH

I AM writing this just a few days after the Annual Meeting of our Brooklyn Jewish Center, which took place on the evening of January 29th. Like others who were present then, I, too, wondered—and still wonder—why so many of our Centerites were not with us. It was indeed a very cold night, and we did have a fairly representative gathering. But when we consider that we have around 2,500 members, and that this was their opportunity to hear the detailed reports of the work we are doing and the progress we have made, we surely had a right to expect that our large auditorium would not be big enough to accommodate all those who would show their interest by their presence.

The disappointment is even greater when we note that many of our monthly membership meetings and social gatherings do crowd our halls to capacity.

I tried to explain this anomalous situation by the fact that the rank and file of our membership know that we are blessed with a splendid group of officers and trustees, and that they have implicit confidence in their leadership and guidance. They are aware of the manifold activities in which we are engaged, and they read the frequent reports of our progress in the pages of the *Center Review*; they thus may feel that their presence is not at all important at what they must regard as a routine order of business.

I agree wholeheartedly that our institution is singularly blessed with its lay leadership and that we can rely upon their wisdom and devotion.

But the officers themselves would feel more strengthened in their purpose and greatly encouraged in their efforts if they could see that the entire membership takes an active—not just a passive—interest in what they are doing. The President and many of the other officers are

at their posts of duty almost daily. They study and observe every phase of the work that is being done. They constantly strive to develop new plans, new projects, in order to bring our people closer to our faith, to our culture, to our general welfare. They are working now on a program of expansion for the Center. They have a right to ask that the majority of the members should indicate that they are strongly concerned with these endeavors, and that they are active participants in all that takes place and in all that is being planned. They want to hear the voice of approval or of disapproval, of suggestion or of criticism, from those who placed them in office.

I want to hope that every member of our Center who reads these lines will realize the justification of this feeling on the part of our officers, and that they will resolve to show a personal interest in the planning and accomplishment of the program of our activities. To be a member of an institution such as the Brooklyn Jewish Center should mean something more than merely paying one's dues or even taking advantage of what the institution offers. It should mean a co-worker, a co-builder; it should mean sharing the responsibility of all that the institution symbolizes.

We are entering the 30th year of the Center's existence. *Ben Sheloshim La-ko-ach*, at thirty one should reach the age of strength and power. May this year see our beloved Brooklyn Jewish Center achieve the strength and power to be an even greater source of blessedness to our people, to our faith and to our people's ideals.

Israel H. Levinthal

TEN years ago a tired statesman with a look of profound worry drove through the gray and foggy winter night from Berchtesgaden towards the Austrian frontier. He was Dr. Kurt von Schuschnigg, Chancellor of Austria, who had just been forced by Hitler to sign an agreement that virtually made little Austria a tool of the Reich. Beside Schuschnigg sat his trusted friend, Foreign Minister Dr. Guido Schmidt. It was only much later that Schuschnigg learned how he had been betrayed by Schmidt, who had engineered the Berchtesgaden pact in the hope of replacing his friend as Nazi-appointed Chancellor of a satellite Austria.

Back in Vienna, Schuschnigg made the grave mistake of concealing to his people the seriousness of the situation. He should have told them the truth: that Hitler was determined to annex Austria, one way or another. Perhaps the opposition to Hitlerism would have reached such a height that the Fuehrer would not have dared to attack his native country. At least, Schuschnigg would have given the leaders of the various anti-Nazi groups a chance to prepare for the flight instead of getting caught by the Gestapo. At the same time the anti-Fascist forces would have obtained a respite to enable them to go underground. In particular, Austria's 200,000 Jews, of whom 175,000 lived in the capital, could have transferred some of their property abroad and prepared themselves for a quick exodus in the case of Austria's surrender. But Schuschnigg, still waiting for a miracle to save Austria, feigned optimism; when a deputation of Austrian Jews, led by Dr. Desider Friedmann, head of Vienna's Israelitische Kultusgemeinde, asked him whether he thought that Austrian Jewry was in danger, he gave them the ambiguous answer: "As long as I shall remain Chancellor, no Austrian Jew will be harmed." A few weeks after that interview he had to abdicate, and what followed was a reign of Nazi terror.

While, fortunately, more than 100,000 Austrian Jews succeeded in saving themselves by reaching the U. S. A., England, Palestine, and other countries, over one-fourth of Austrian Jewry perished in jails and concentration camps, or committed suicide. Today, ten years after

*Doctors and Lawyers Get Along
in Vienna—Others Have a Difficult Time*

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the Anschluss, and three years after Austria's liberation, the Jews of Austrian citizenship living in the second Austrian republic number only 7,834 individuals, of whom all but a handful are in Vienna. It is significant that of those survivors only 748, or less than ten per cent, are under eighteen, whereas 3,715, or nearly fifty per cent, are over forty-five; males by far outnumber the females. Its death rate being infinitely higher than its birth rate, Austrian Jewry is "biologically dead" for all practical purposes.

But where did these 7,834 come from? A few hundred Jews remained in Vienna throughout the Nazi era; some of them belonged to the skeleton staff of a Jewish Community Council which the Nazis permitted to function, and to be the butts for abuse for whatever sinister purposes they could invent; others were not molested because they were married to Gentiles, while a third category lived the hazardous lives of "Unterseeboote," thus called in bitter jocularly because in 1938 they had "submerged" like submarines, hiding their identity and posing as Aryans. But the bulk of Viennese Jews are men and women who, in the spring of 1945, returned from slave labor and concentration camps.

A special group are the so-called Shanghai Jews. In 1938 the port of Shanghai was the only place that could be entered without a special visa. After the large-scale pogroms of November, 1938, large numbers of Austrian Jews were released from concentration camps on condition that they leave Greater Germany within a couple of weeks. These had no other place to go than far-away Shanghai. There the Japanese masters at first left them alone, but eventually, under German pressure, herded them into a ghetto. These Austrians lived there for years in ugly barracks, trying to fight their hunger by establishing soup kitchens, by borrowing money from

abroad and by using food sent by the American Red Cross. Last year an American transport, built to carry G. I.'s to Pacific battlefronts, was loaded at Shanghai harbor with the first batch of Austrian Jewish exiles anxious to return to their homeland. They knew from letters and newspaper accounts that postwar Austria was no paradise, that in Vienna one-fourth of the houses had been destroyed during the last bombardments, that except for the few who could afford to pay the fantastic black-market prices, everyone existed on scanty rations. But they had friends in Austria, they could talk with them in their native tongue, and there were places that had been dear to them from infancy.

It so happened that shortly before the Shanghai Jews embarked for Europe, Ira A. Hirschmann, then visiting Austria, declared that a high-ranking Allied officer in Vienna had told him he wouldn't give "a plugged nickel" for the life of an Austrian Jew after the Occupation Armies would be withdrawn. Simultaneously, Leland Stowe reported that the Austrian provinces were ripe for a new Hitler. But the Shanghai repatriates who had been stateless for eight years seemed to have implicit faith in their country, to judge by the comments they made on the above-quoted statements. They told correspondents visiting them on their ship: "We are Austrians and we can fight back. Surely our government will help us."

Jews returning to Austria must possess a fighting spirit, if they wish to survive. True, the present government is not anti-Semitic, but, yielding to popular pressure, it frequently — too frequently — treats notorious anti-Semites and collaborators with kid-gloves, and it is very slow in forcing the restitution of stolen property to returning Jews in

order not to antagonize the countless Nazi thieves now posing as law-abiding, peaceful Austrian citizens.

Among the Jews, the intellectuals seem to be far better off than any other group. In fact, Dr. Geroe, Minister of Justice, who is himself of partly Jewish descent, appealed to Austrian lawyers residing in England and the United States to return to their homeland since there was a great need for trained jurists. By now many Jewish lawyers have opened offices in Vienna and are overburdened with work because many of their Christian colleagues who had collaborated with the Nazis had had to be purged by the Austrian Bar Association. Similarly, Jewish physicians are much in demand—it should be remembered that the famous “Wiener Schule” owes its international fame largely to Jewish medical men. Some outstanding Jewish experts who had been forcibly retired in 1938 are now serving again in various government offices and in the police department regardless of their advanced age. Finally, several Jews are active as editors of newspapers and periodicals, and in the field of education.

Jewish businessmen, however, have a hard time in Vienna. With capitalism in decline in Central Europe, the Jew as a purveyor of goods, as a middleman, is much less needed than he was a half century ago, when capitalism was still vigorous and expanding. Besides, the Gentiles who took over Jewish enterprises in Germany and Austria in 1933 and in 1938, discovered that they could manage business affairs as efficiently as the Jews.

The problem of Jewish commerce is closely connected with the burning problem of the restitution of property. Unfortunately, a large portion of the Jewish wealth in Austria that was expropriated by the Nazis consisted of movables, securities and monies. Inevitably, these items were to the greatest extent either carried away, consumed or in the possession of persons who cannot be traced or are protected by existing legislation. Industrial and commercial enterprises that have been restored are, in most cases, empty shells, the stocks and machines having been sold, transported abroad or vanished. Some of the improved real estate, too—whose ownership is easiest to trace—has been returned, yet much of it

had suffered damage or was dilapidated.

To be fair to the Austrian government we must admit that the problem of property restitution is not an easy one, particularly since some property changed hands several times between 1938 and 1945, and since though the first owner during this period was undoubtedly a Nazi thief, the last owner may have obtained it *bona fide* for hard cash. Never in figures and much more influential, including as they do persons associated with large banks and insurance companies, and politicians. Under these circumstances it is tragically clear why, in many cases, the Austrian authorities did not hurry to the rescue; there is also a psychological factor contributing to the slowness of the process of property restitution: Jews, frightfully reduced in numbers, no longer represent an important factor in political life (as voters), while the beneficiaries of the 1938 robberies are much stronger issue certificates enabling a claimant to prove his case, or why they have been delaying court decisions favorable to Jews.

Another psychological factor is playing a sinister role in the relations between Jewish and Gentile business—fear on the part of the Gentiles lest Austria will “again” become “dominated” by Jewish capital. Actually, Jews never dominated Austrian trade and commerce, and for each well-to-do Jew there were at least two or three who barely eked out a living. But the nonsensical fear of Jewish competition already caused the governments of Dollfuss and Schuschnigg to refuse the granting of trade licenses to Jews, and Vienna's Vice Burgomaster Kresse, who administered the public contracts department, saw to it that Jews did not receive public orders. Today the fear that Jews might “get control of industry and the economic life of the country” is more ridiculous than it had been ever before, yet it was voiced by no less a man than Leopold Kunschak, President of the National Assembly. The septuagenarian Kunschak, one of the founders of the conservative Christian Social Party, recently had the audacity to state at a mass meeting that Austria's political and economic ills had been “caused by the Jews.” Later, he claimed that he had been misquoted, and asserted that he was merely

opposed to special measures for restoration of Jewish rights and property, “since non-Jews also suffered at the hands of the Nazis.”

This kind of double-talk is not likely to help anyone, at least not the Jews. The latter gladly noted that Chancellor Figl, head of the People's Party, as the Christian Social Party has been renamed, tried to appease public opinion in the democratic countries by excusing Kunschak's anti-Semitism on the ground that “he is an old man and has some fixed ideas.” But young and vigorous Chancellor Figl failed to use his strength to rush to the aid of his Jewish fellow-citizens, who claim that they cannot exist on empty expressions of friendship for the Jews. Three years have passed since Austria's liberation, yet many Jews are still forced to live like beggars, housed, clothed and fed by the Israelitische Kultusgemeinde, though some of them were well-to-do people before the Anschluss. The denazification of the country is still very slow; former Nazis are still in control of the allocation of apartments and of granting licenses for traders and artisans, thus making it difficult for Jews to resume a normal existence. So great is the dissatisfaction of our brethren in Vienna that at a recent meeting of the *kehillah* for the forthcoming elections to the Jewish Community Council, one man in the audience desperately shouted in the presence of Austrian government officials: “We do not want wealth. We want only bread and homes, and to be treated as decent human beings.”

While talking of Austria's Jews, we must not forget the Jewish DP's, currently living in Austria. These are either stateless people or citizens of Poland, Roumania and other Eastern European countries fleeing from a pogrom atmosphere to the relative security of the Austrian capital, from where they wish to emigrate to Palestine. One-third of them, or about 12,000, live in special shelters in Vienna, largely financed by the Joint Distribution Committee. But their headquarters is the Rothschild Memorial Hospital in the American sector of the city. It was recently visited by the newspaper

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NEWS OF THE MONTH

A DRAFT statute for the international regime of the city of Jerusalem was submitted to the U.N. Trusteeship Council.

The internationalized city will be a "corpus separatum" under the administration of the United Nations, acting through the Trusteeship Council and the Governor, to be appointed by the Council. Some of the main provisions of the 29-page document are:

1. The United Nations would guarantee the territorial integrity of the city and the maintenance of the special international regime. In case of aggression, or a threat of aggression, "or any other attempt to alter by force" the special regime, the Security Council would be informed.

2. The city itself would be demilitarized, with no "para-military" formations, exercises or activities permitted within its borders. However, a special police force would be organized—of such size as the Governor deemed necessary—"to assist in the maintenance of internal law and order, and especially for the protection throughout the city of the Holy Places, religious buildings and sites." This special police force would be selected as far as possible without regard to nationality, except that no citizen of Jerusalem or of the Arab or the Jewish state would be eligible.

3. The Governor would be appointed for a three-year term, which could be extended if necessary, and would be eligible for re-appointment. No resident of the city, or the Arab or the Jewish state would be eligible. He would have supreme executive authority, subject only to the instructions of the Trusteeship Council.

The Legislative Council would consist of a single chamber, composed of citizens of the city over 25 years of age. Citizens, by definition of the statute, would not include any persons who chose citizenship in either the Arab or Jewish state.

Subject to "the requirement of public order, security and public health, and

economic welfare," residents and citizens of the Arab state and the Jewish state would have free access to the city, as would foreign pilgrims and visitors. Immigration would be controlled by the Governor under instructions of the Trusteeship Council.

Arabic and Hebrew would be the official languages of the city, with English and French recognized as additional working languages.

An "adequate" system of primary and secondary education would be maintained "on an equitable basis" for the Arab and Jewish community in their respective

languages and in accordance with their respective cultural traditions.

The city would be included within the Economic Union of Palestine, but would operate its own central bank, control its own fiscal and credit policy, and conduct international financial operations. Existing municipalities, and any that might be created in the future, would have wide powers of local autonomy.

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THE Department of the Army flatly denied an assertion by Rep. Noah Mason of Illinois who told the House of reports he had heard that 40,000 American troops were to be sent to Palestine for keeping the peace.

The office of Secretary of Defense, James Forrestal, categorically stated that there is absolutely no truth to a press

LATE NEWS

PROSPECTS for an international army to implement U.N. decision to partition Palestine were bettered. As the *Review* goes to press it was hoped that Britain would at least give passive assistance to the establishment of such a force, since the British Colonial Secretary Arthur Creech Jones, now in this country to participate in U.N. discussions, said that his government believed an international force would be needed to enforce partition. He emphasized that the U.N. must "mean business." It was considered certain that Britain would not exercise her veto against any plan to militarily enforce partition, and that Russia would agree to it.

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THE U.N. Palestine Commission made public its report on the Palestine security situation several hours after submitting the document to the Security Council. The Council was expected to commence its discussion of the report early the following week.

The report warned the Security Council that only the prompt establishment of a "non-Palestinian" armed force can prevent serious trouble in Palestine and effectively implement the partition decision of the General Assembly. Such a force, the report said, would assist law-

abiding elements in both the Arab and Jewish communities in maintaining an atmosphere of law and order. The report asked that the international force enter Palestine simultaneously with the Commission.

Only such a force can replace the British troops which are now the sole barrier to a complete deterioration of the situation to "open warfare," the Commission continued. Any alternative would be "catastrophic," it emphasized, and would involve "bloodshed and human suffering."

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FOLLOWING the issuance of its report, the Commission discussed the question of how to get nations to lift arms embargoes which are preventing the Jewish defense forces in Palestine from getting weapons. The five-member group decided to leave the matter open until after the Security Council acts on the recommendations contained in the security report.

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THE English Foreign Office categorically denied reports that Britain is prepared to place troops at the disposal of the international regime of the city of Jerusalem, following partition.

report that he is trying to sabotage American policy on Palestine.

Jews throughout Palestine were aroused and angered at the destruction of a synagogue in the Manshieh quarter, on the Tel Aviv-Jaffa border, by British troops. A spokesman for the Army asserted that shots had been fired at a nearby station from the synagogue.

The demolition was bitterly protested by a Jewish security officer heading a small detachment of settlement police assigned to guard it. He pointed out that the building had never been used as a strong point and categorically denied that any shots had ever been fired from its windows or roof.

Rabbi Isser Judah Unterman, Chief Rabbi of Tel Aviv, declared that the deed "might be compared with Nazi actions." He also pointed out that while the British blew up the synagogue they made no attempt to molest snipers operating from mosques on the edge of Jaffa. The Palestine Chief Rabbinate has addressed messages of protest to all Jewish religious centers throughout the world.

THE British Army in Palestine has stopped the sale to Jews of surplus stocks of barbed wire and other defensive equipment, the Jewish Agency disclosed. The British are also withholding the delivery of the last of 21 Auster training-planes sold to Jews recently, although the crafts have been paid for, the Jewish Agency stated.

In line with this new restrictive policy affecting the Jewish defense in the Mandate was the British Army's refusal last week of an escort, as previously agreed, for a supply convoy to the Kfar Etzion settlement. Part of the convoy—the first since the big Arab attack on Kfar Etzion last month—did not go because the trucks contained barbed wire, corrugated iron and cement. These items, the British Army ruled, were "military stores" and accordingly could not be permitted to go to the settlement.

STERNISTS blew up a three-story building in the center of Jerusalem which was owned by Dr. Izzat Tannous, an Arab leader, and which had been used as the headquarters of an Arab gang. Many

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FOUNDER OF THE JEWISH NATIONAL FUND

By LEO SPHALL

THE Jewish National Fund is unquestionably one of the most popular of Zionist institutions. No other fund makes such an appeal to the imagination of the Jewish people or has so strong a hold on its affections. The Jewish National Fund is favored by all factions in Zionism because all Zionists realize that the strength of the Jewish position in Palestine plays an important part in determining the issues of our political struggle. It is fitting that this institution, whose achievements constitute an epic of Jewish rehabilitation in Palestine, should have been born in the mind of Professor Hermann Shapiro, who died fifty years ago.

At an early age, he manifested extraordinary abilities in Jewish and secular studies. He won fame as a "wonder child," and at eight there was no longer anyone in his home town who could be his teacher. When the boy was thirteen his mother died. The family then broke up, each member going his separate way. Hermann, too, parted with his father and began his wanderings. He went to the neighboring towns and studied at the Yeshivas there, but the schools left him dissatisfied. He finally returned home and told his father he wished to go abroad. The father urged him to continue his Hebrew studies locally, promising permission to travel when he had given proof of his proficiency in Talmud. Hermann agreed. At the age of twenty he was an ordained rabbi. For two years he was spiritual leader of a Jewish community in Courland, but this mode of life did not satisfy him. He resigned his post and set out to pursue his secular studies.

Shapiro reached the city of Vienna, then the seat of the Haskalah, and there he set to work diligently to master the German and Russian languages. Soon he had learned that Vienna could offer him very little and decided to go to Berlin. There, though under the strain of privation and actual hunger, he kept up his studies and was admitted to the university. He attended the higher institution

of learning for three years, then his health broke down and he returned to Russia.

Next Shapiro went to seek his fortune in Odessa, at time already a center of the Hebrew literati. During the Russo-Turkish war he accumulated some money and was able to resume his studies in Germany. He obtained the degree of Doctor of Philosophy and was appointed Professor at the University of Heidelberg.

Professor Shapiro was one of the earliest champions of Zionism. In 1882, he published the first of his series of Hebrew articles in which he proposed the founding of a university in Palestine.

In 1882 Professor Shapiro founded the Zion Society in Heidelberg for the purpose of promoting Hebraic culture and propagating the Zionist ideal. Shortly thereafter he conceived the remarkable idea of creating a Jewish National Fund to purchase land in Palestine and hold it in perpetuity for the benefit of the Jewish people. He advocated this plan in a telegram to the first conference of the Lovers of Zion which met in Katowitz in 1884. But at that time, when Zionism was in its infancy, such a fund was out of the question. This failure, and the unsuccessful attempt to strengthen the Zion Society at Heidelberg, caused him to withdraw from public life. He lapsed into silence from which he did not emerge until roused by the call of Dr. Theodore Herzl.

At the first Zionist Congress, Prof. Shapiro again outlined his project. He dramatically called upon the delegates to declare their allegiance to the Zionist cause. Although his plan was not accepted at the first Congress, Prof. Shapiro left the Congress rejuvenated. The Zionist cause became his ideal and this was the happiest year of his life. In the following year, he received an invitation to address a Zionist meeting in Cologne. On returning he contracted a cold, and shortly after he passed away. His last words were: "We must strive and have faith—we shall triumph in the end."

Arabs are believed buried in the debris. Several Sternists were injured in an exchange of shots with British troops whom they met as they left the scene of the blast.

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THE Central Committee of the Jewish Immigrant Camps on Cyprus, which previously denied British allegations that Communist agents were among the Pan York and Pan Crescent immigrants, has revealed that three of the visaless immigrants were beaten after being interrogated by a British officer.

The Committee told a Reuters correspondent that the Jews were not queried about visaless immigration but about "Soviet activities in Bulgaria and Rumania, particularly information concerning the number, nature and kind of Soviet vessels in the Black Sea, descriptions of Russian armaments in Bulgaria and details of Soviet troop movements." When the three Jews said they knew nothing of such matters the officer accused them of withholding information and beat them.

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OFFICIALS of Jewish organizations in Munich protested to the German civilian and American military authorities against a series of anti-Semitic incidents which occurred there over the week-end in which the windows of two Jewish restaurants and a Jewish butcher shop were smashed and the signs of several Jewish organizations' offices were burned. The Jews also expressed concern at the continued growth of anti-Semitism throughout Germany.

The Munich Police Commissioner, Franz Pitzer, said the incidents were the work of anti-Semites because neither the restaurants nor the butcher shop were robbed. Military authorities similarly admitted that the acts may be the work of anti-Semites. "Nobody is silly enough to believe that the Nazis or nazism have been eliminated from Germany," a military spokesman said.

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THE British Legion, counterpart of the American Legion, at a regional conference held at Carlisle, condemned the anti-Semitic activities of the pro-fascist British League of Ex-Servicemen and asked the public not to confuse its members with those of the fascist organization.

Meanwhile, as protests mount against Sir Oswald Mosley's organization of a new fascist Union Movement, the board of governors of the school in which the group's first meeting was held, announced an investigation of the granting of a public hall to the fascists by the London County Council.

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POPE PIUS XII blessed the efforts of the United Jewish Appeal agencies when he received 28 American Jewish communal leaders comprising the U.J.A. delegation touring Europe and Palestine to study the needs of the Jewish survivors on the Continent and the new Jewish state in Palestine.

After greeting each delegate personally, the Pope told the delegation: "This is not the first group of your much-tried people we have been pleased to receive here. We welcome the opportunity of your visit to tell you once more how deeply our paternal heart has been moved by the manifestations of gratitude for what we were able and so happy to do to lighten the burdens of your people among so many others in the dark days of the war. We gladly invoke the blessing of God most high on all the charitable endeavors you may undertake in His name."

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JACQUES BERLINSKI, the French Jewish composer who fought in the French resistance in Lyon, was announced the winner recently of a \$1,000 prize for his symphonic work, "Kanaan," submitted in the international contest for Jewish music "reflective of the spirit of the Jewish people," conducted by the National Jewish Welfare Board in New York.

Berlinski, who came to France from Poland in 1930, is director of music at the Jewish Art Center of France for the Advancement of Jewish Music. A prize for a chamber orchestral work was given at the same time to Jacob Avshalomoff, music instructor at Columbia University, for his composition "Evocations." Mr. Avshalomoff came to this country from China in 1938.

The two awards were made at a ceremony at the offices of the J.W.B. David Morgenstern, of Cleveland, presented the prizes, which were donated by the Morgenstern Fund of the Cleveland Jewish Community Council. Mrs. Frank Cohen,

chairman of the Music Council, spoke on the aims of the contest and the Council-sponsored Jewish Music Festival in which synagogues, Jewish Community Centers and Jewish educational and fraternal groups are currently participating.

On the judges' committee were: Leonard Bernstein, conductor of the New York City Symphony and composer of the "Jeremiah Symphony"; Mark Blitzstein, composer of the "Airborne Symphony" and "Cradle Will Rock"; Alexander Dushkin, executive director of the Jewish Education Committee of New York City; Erich Leinsdorf, conductor of the Rochester Symphony. Also Curt Sachs, professor of music at New York University; Randall Thompson, professor of music at Princeton University; Joseph Yasser, chairman of the Jewish Music Forum; and Bernard Hermann, symphonic director of Columbia Broadcasting System.

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THE Jewish War Veterans Award of Merit was presented to Lt. Gen. Willard S. Paul, director of the Personnel and Administration Division of the Army Department, for "invaluable aid to the Jewish War Veterans of the United States." The plaque was presented at a ceremony in the Pentagon Building by Col. Julius Klein, national commander of the J.W.V.

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A DELEGATION from the Palestine Arab Higher Committee to Cuba told a press conference in Havana that it had come to Cuba to thank the Cuban people for voting against the Palestine partition plan at the last U.N. General Assembly session. The delegation is touring Latin America propagandizing against the "Jewish invasion of Palestine."

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APPROXIMATELY 700 Zionist leaders from all parts of the U. S. A. assembled in Washington for a 2-day conference, convened by the American Zionist Emergency Council. Many of them visited Senators and Representatives in an effort to impress them with the necessity for America taking the lead in implementing Palestine partition.

BROOKLYN JEWISH CENTER NEWS

Rabbi Saltzman to Deliver Brotherhood Sermon this Friday Night

THIS Friday night, February 27th, at our late services, Rabbi Manuel Saltzman will deliver the sermon on "The Struggle for Civil Liberties" in commemoration of Brotherhood Week.

President Truman has announced that the week of February 22nd to 29th will be National Brotherhood Week and Rabbi Saltzman is devoting his sermon to this very important theme.

Cantor Sauler will render a vocal selection and lead in the congregational singing.

All members and their relatives and friends are cordially invited to attend.

Advance Notice

NEXT Friday at our late services, Rabbi Mordecai H. Lewittes will speak on the subject "Poet of Padua—The Story of the Founder of Modern Hebrew Literature."

Center to Celebrate Rabbi Levinthal's Sixtieth Birthday

THE sixtieth birthday anniversary of our Rabbi, Dr. Israel H. Levinthal, will be celebrated on Tuesday evening, April 6th. The celebration will be held in the Main Synagogue and will be limited to Center members and their wives.

Watch for further details.

Hebrew School Registrations

PARENTS are reminded that beginning September, 1948, no boys beyond the age of ten will be admitted to the beginners' class of the Hebrew School. Thus, each boy will be assured of at least three years of preparation prior to Bar Mitzvah. This, of course, is only a minimum. Since we have a six-year elementary Hebrew course, it is advisable for the child to be registered before he is eight so that he might complete the full course by the time he is fourteen. A maximum Hebrew education should be the goal of every student.

IN THE HEBREW SCHOOL

THE Post-Bar-Mitzvah class under the direction of Mr. Irvin Rubin presented an "Eternal Light" radio script in honor of Abraham Lincoln's birthday called "The Postmaster of Quincy." This script, based on an authentic incident, relates how Lincoln paroled a Jewish confederate soldier so that he might go back to visit his dying father. The following took part in the presentation: Stanley Green, Edward Sharkey, Richard Stadin, Herbert Brown, Ronald Neuwirth, David Braver, Thomas Kraner.

Impressive assemblies in honor of Jewish Music Month were held on February 1 and February 22. The program consisted of the following:

1. Y'rushalayim (class 3A2).
2. Chumash Melodies (composed by Julius Grossman)—Hannah Swirin.
3. Az Yashir (recitation)—Hebrew Club.
4. V'lulai—Cantor William Sauler.
5. Hapilu; Tzena (clarinet solo)—Conrad Lefkowitz.
6. (a) Havdalah.
(b) Minhag Chadash — Victoria Yousha (accompanied by Miss Rhoda Rabinowitz).

The program was under the direction of Mr. Julius Grossman. Rabbi Mordecai H. Lewittes served as chairman.

Beth Pins were recently awarded to those Hebrew School students who have excellent records for attendance at Junior Congregation services. The pin, especially designed for the Junior Congregation, has the colors blue and white and the Hebrew letter Beth representing Beth K'nesset (Synagogue). The following received the Beth Pins: Ilene

Altman, Helen Aronow, Joseph Aronow, Renee Aronow, Rita Aronow, William Berlat, Morton Bromberg, Bernard Brooks, Edward Bressman, Jerry Cohen, Leonard Davis, Paul Davis, Isaac Dressner, Sheldon Freifeld, Jeannette Flamm, Charles Feldman, Norman Gray, Bernard Goldstein, Harvey Gottlieb, Alan Herman, Stanley Janow, Herbert Kasnetz, Leonard Kabram, Arthur Kramer, Joseph Karp, Arthur Kaplan, Barbara Kaplan, Judith Leibowitz, Michael Lewis, Larry Levy, Monroe Levine, Bruce Plapinger, Stephen Schilder, Martin Sloate, Mitchel Streger, Franklin Morrow, Leslie Silverstein, Robert Rood, Leonard Silverstein, Stephen Wesely, Carl Schlam, Arnold Zwibel, Charles Stromfeld, Richard Weinberger, Seymour Siegel, Robert Schreiman, James Mitnick, Arthur Kramer, Sol Tanenzapf, Arthur Rudy, Alan Richman, Conrad Lefkowitz, Charles Schwager, Olin Schocket, Eugene Sherman, Carla Lefkowitz, Stuart Perlman, Rena Rosenbaum.

In a recent standard Siddur test the following received the highest scores in the Hebrew School: Ira Denhoffer, Robert Goldberg, Harvey Gottlieb, Stanley Janow, Ethel Persky, Arthur Rudy, Seymour Siegel, Charles Stein, Gabriel Stolzenberg, Sol Tanenzapf.

Mrs. Beder, G. O. advisor, supervised a visit of our G. O. delegates to the sixth Annual Children's Community Assembly on Monday, February 23, 1948, at Hunter College. A program called "The New Jewish State" was arranged under the auspices of the Jewish Education Committee of New York.

To Members Who Lost Sons or Grandsons in Service

THE Center is contemplating the erection in the near future of a tablet to honor the memory of members of the institution, sons or grandsons of Center members who made the supreme sacrifice

in World War II. In order that this tablet may be complete we would appreciate receiving the names, both Hebrew and English, as well as the Yahrzeit date of those to be included in this tablet.

Please communicate this information to our Mr. Goldberg (Pr. 4-1400).

Sisterhood Meeting—Monday, March 8th

THE next regular monthly meeting of the Sisterhood will be held on Monday afternoon, March 8th, at 1:00 o'clock.

The guest speaker will be Rabbi Mordecai H. Lewittes, who will review the current best seller "East Side—West Side" by Marcia Davenport.

Refreshments will be served.

All Center women are most cordially invited to attend.

Torah Scholarship Fund

ALL Center women are most cordially asked that they please reserve the afternoon of Wednesday, March 17th, for a dessert luncheon for the benefit of the Torah Scholarship Fund. The subscription will be \$6.11 for you and your guest. Reservations may be made with the Chairman, Mrs. Sarah I. Epstein, 701 Montgomery Street, SL 6-7413, or with the Vice-Chairman, Mrs. Dorothy Wisner, 760 Montgomery Street, PR. 3-6973, or through the Center office.

Miss Isobel Walters, noted Radio and Concert singer will be the featured entertainer of the afternoon.

Post Consecration Junior Group to Meet March 1st

THE Junior Group of the Post Consecration Society will meet on Monday evening, March 1st, at 8 o'clock at the Center. Rabbi Saltzman will lead a discussion on the "Jewish State and Its Significance for American Jews." All Junior consecrants are invited to attend.

Yiddish Literary and Musical Evening— Tuesday

AN interesting evening of Jewish music and entertainment will be given in our Auditorium on Tuesday evening, March 2nd, at 8:30 o'clock. The following artists will participate: Leo Lowe, famous composer and conductor, with his choir; Vladimir Heifetz, composer-pianist; Igor Gutman, opera singer; Leizer Rosenstein, singer of folk songs; Zvee Scooler, Jewish humorist and narrator; and Aaron Lutzky, poet. Admission will be \$1.50 including tax. The evening is being arranged on the occasion of the publication of the Yiddish book of poetry "Shtark und Munter" by the well-known Jacob Marinoff.

Membership Social—March 24th

THE next Membership Social will take place on Tuesday evening, March 24th, on the eve of Purim.

Please watch the Bulletin for further details of the program.

In the Junior Clubs

ALL the Saturday night Junior Clubs are now in the midst of preparation for their Purim Projects which will be celebrated jointly on Saturday evening, March 27th, at 8:15 o'clock with a gala Purim Rally.

On Saturday evening, February 14th, there was a Music Program Festival in honor of the Jewish Music Month, led by Mr. Julius Grossman. The following participated: Conrad Lefkowitz, Barbara Kaplan, Renee Aranow, Ruth Berman and Paula Spinrad.

Bar Mitzvah

A HEARTY Mazel Tov is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Kalman Sloate, of 145 Lincoln Road, upon the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Alan Richard, which will be celebrated at the Center, this Sabbath morning, February 28th. Our sincere congratulations are also extended to the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Kaplan, of 516 Crown Street.

Sisterhood Notes

THE Women's Division of the United Jewish Appeal will formally open its campaign on Thursday morning, March 11th at 10:30 A. M., at the Hotel St. George with a rally followed by a luncheon. All contributors of \$180.00 and over will be invited.

Congratulations

HEARTIEST congratulations and best wishes are extended to the following:

Dr. and Mrs. Samuel M. Levenson of 734 Montgomery Street on the engagement of their daughter, Ruth Marian, to Dr. Milton Abramson of Newark, New Jersey on February 21st.

Dr. Betty Zuckerman of 274 New York Avenue, daughter of Mrs. David Zuckerman and the late Dr. David Zuckerman, on her engagement to Dr. Jesse Schertman.

Gala Leap Year DANCE

SUNDAY EVENING
FEBRUARY 29 — 8:30 P. M.

Sponsored by
The Young Folks League
for the benefit of
UNITED JEWISH APPEAL

Dance to Good Band Music
Members and one guest invited

Contribution — \$1.50

Hebrew Club for Children Organized

A Hebrew Speaking Club for children has been organized in the Center. Children from the third grade up to twelve years of age are eligible for membership in the club which is under the able leadership of Dora Muhlbauser, and engaged in a program of Hebrew drama, storytelling, dances and songs. This group meets Wednesday afternoons at 4:15 p.m.

Center Library

THE Center library, located on the third floor, is open on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 3 to 9 o'clock and on Sundays from 10 A. M. to 3 P. M.

Members are invited to make use of this department and consult the librarian, Dr. Elias N. Rabinowitz, regarding books for reading. Works in English, Hebrew and Yiddish are available.

Y AHRZEITS—MARCH, 1948

S. Kamenetzky	Mother	March 1	20 Adar I
Mrs. L. J. Levinson	Husband	March 1	20 Adar I
Mrs. Louis Albert	Mother	March 2	21 Adar I
Sam Katz	Mother	March 2	21 Adar I
Jacob Shapiro	Father	March 2	21 Adar I
Simon Gluckstern	Mother-in-law	March 3	22 Adar I
Dora Leaks	Father	March 3	22 Adar I
Max Levine	Father	March 3	22 Adar I
Dr. Benjamin Koven	} Mother	March 3	22 Adar I
Max N. Koven			
Morris T. Koven			
Philip Feinberg	Father	March 4	23 Adar I
Isador Lowenfeld	Mother	March 4	23 Adar I
Mrs. Ida Fried	Father	March 5	24 Adar I
Meyer Rosen	Brother-in-law	March 5	24 Adar I
Charles Wunderlich	Father	March 5	24 Adar I
Mrs. S. A. Schneider	Mother	March 6	25 Adar I
Jacob Levine	Mother	March 7	26 Adar I
Mrs. Jacob Rutstein	Husband	March 7	26 Adar I
Jacob A. Fortunoff	Mother	March 8	27 Adar I
Joseph Levy, Jr.	Father	March 8	27 Adar I
Lewis E. Weingarten	Mother	March 8	27 Adar I
Mrs. Hannah Zirinsky	Son	March 8	27 Adar I
Harry Zirinsky	Brother		
Dr. Harry Bernstein	Brother	March 9	28 Adar I
Isidore Gottlieb	Mother	March 9	28 Adar I
Morris Groden	Father	March 9	28 Adar I
Dr. M. L. Levy	Father	March 9	28 Adar I
Mrs. Hyman Teperson	Father	March 9	28 Adar I
Mrs. Jacob L. Holtzman	Mother	March 11	30 Adar I
Louis J. Roth	Mother	March 11	30 Adar I
Louis Gordon	Mother	March 15	4 Adar II
Louis J. Roth	Father	March 18	7 Adar II
Benjamin Werbelovsky	Father	March 19	8 Adar II
Mrs. Harry Levy	} Father	March 24	13 Adar II
Mrs. Isador Lowenfeld			
Dr. Irving Moskowitz			
Isidore Fine	Mother	March 25	14 Adar II
Jacob Stang	Mother	March 25	14 Adar II
Lewis L. Weingarten	Sister	March 26	15 Adar II
Charles Goody	Mother	March 30	19 Adar II

DAILY AND SABBATH SERVICES

Daily Services

MORNING services at 8:00 o'clock.
Mincha services at 5:20 p.m.

Sabbath Services

FRIDAY evening services at 5:10.
Kindling of candles at 5:24.
Sabbath services, "Ki Tisa"—Exodus

30.11-34.35; Prophets—I Kings 18.1-39,
will commence at 8:45 a.m.

Mincha services Saturday at 5:00 p.m.
Rabbi Saltzman will preach on the
weekly portion of the Torah.

Rabbi George Abelson will continue
his lecture in Yiddish this Saturday after-
noon at 4:15 p.m.

MALE CHOIR

The Center has organized a
male choir and invites mem-
bers and all interested men
in the community to join.

LEARN TO SING

Palestine Songs
American Folk Songs
Synagogue Music

In 4-Part Harmony

Write to or call Julius Gross-
man, Music Director of the
Brooklyn Jewish Center.

Acknowledgment of Gifts

We acknowledge with thanks receipt
of donations from the following for the
purchase of Prayer Books and Taleisim
and books in our library:

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph N. Blumberg, in
honor of the birth of a grandchild.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Goldstein, in honor
of the Bar Mitzvah of their son.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Reich, in honor
of the marriage of their son.

Mrs. Louis Posner in honor of the birth
of a grandchild.

Mr. and Mrs. Abraham J. Stelzer in
honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their son.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris D. Wender, in
honor of the marriage of their son.

Library

Florence Block.
Mr. Harris Goody.
Mrs. Nathan T. Schwartz.
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Spiegel.

Membership Applications

The following have applied for membership in the Brooklyn Jewish Center:

ABRAMS, Miss EVELYN

Res. 228 E. 38th St.
Proposed by Abe Mann,
Phyllis Cohen

ARUM, SAMUEL

Res. 91e Montgomery St.
Bus. Accountant, 400 Madison Ave.
Married

BARON, Miss IRMA

Res. 1441 Prospect Pl.

BASS, ABRAHAM

Res. 960 Sterling Pl.
Bus. Hotel Supp., 300 Bowery
Married
Proposed by Jos. Richman

BEREN, RALPH

Res. 421 Crown St.
Bus. Crockery, 17 E. 1st St.
Married
Proposed by Edw. Fuchs,
Michael Kahn

BERSON, Miss FLORENCE RAY

Res. 564 E. 51st St.

BIRMAN, Miss RUTH

Res. 544 Bedford Ave.
Proposed by David Gold,
Rubin Brenner

BLEVITSKY, Miss DORIS

Res. 625 E. 15th St.
Proposed by Yvette Waldman,
Betty Pearlman

BLOOMBERG, DR. HENRY H.

Res. 675 Linden Blvd.
Bus. Physician
Married
Proposed by Sol Goldberg,
Edw. Shwom

CARR, HERBERT

Res. 1385 Carroll St.
Bus. Auto Sales, 4650 Bway.
Married
Proposed by Maurice Bernhardt

CHALIFF, Miss MARALYN

Res. 2035 Union St.
Proposed by Gertrude Brumel,
Eleanor Grager

DUDAKOFF, Miss SYLVIA

Res. 146 E. 55th St.

EBNER, Miss DOROTHY

Res. 2818 W. 23rd St.

FABRIKANT, BEN

Res. 95 Maple St.

Bus. Jewelry, 66 Bowery

Married

Proposed by Abe Mann,
Lou Klein

FEINSTEIN, Miss HELENE

Res. 1483 St. Johns Pl.
Proposed by Ruth Rothenberg,
Lynn Mitzner

FEINSTEIN, Miss ZELDA

Res. 1483 St. Johns Pl.
Proposed by Ruth Rothenberg,
Lynn Mitzner

FRIEDMAN, LAWRENCE

Res. 101 Christopher Ave.
Bus. Instruments, Thomson Ave.,
L. I. C.

GALINA, LOUIS

Res. 70 Linden Blvd.
Bus. Printing, 6 W. 28th St.
Married

GAYNES, SIDNEY

Res. 101 Ocean Pkwy.
Bus. Machinery, 214 Centre St.
Married

Proposed by Aaron Finkelstein

GELLAR, I. WILLIAM

Res. 1068 Park Pl.
Bus. Iron and Steel, 15 Warren St.
Married

Proposed by Katherine W. Reiter,
Anna H. Molow

GELMAN, Miss ESTHER R.

Res. 831 Saratoga Ave.

GOLDMAN, RAYMOND

Res. 429 Barbey St.
Bus. Paper, 233 Spring St.
Single
Proposed by Morris Hecht,
Abr. B. Kazdan

GOLDSTEIN, Miss SHIRLEY

Res. 484 E. 4th St.
Proposed by Naomi Bachman,
Phyllis Cohen

GOTTLIEB, Miss CORA

Res. 217 Ocean Ave.

HABER, JACK

Res. 905—43rd St.
Bus. Men's Wear, 1115 Bway.
Married

HECHT, REUBEN

Res. 125 Remsen Ave.
Bus. Rayons, 71 W. 35th St.
Married
Proposed by Morris Hecht

HERMAN, SAM

Res. 645 Eastern Pkwy.
Bus. Tailor, 512—7th Ave.
Married

HERSHENOV, JERRY

Res. 701 Empire Blvd.
Bus. Student
Married

HOFFMAN, IRVING

Res. 157 Van Buren St.
Bus. Hosiery, 389—5th Ave.
Single

KAPLAN, MAX

Res. 1098 Eastern Pkwy.
Bus. Sales Agency, 488—2nd Ave.
Single
Proposed by Barnett Kaplan,
Meyer Pearlman

KERZER, SEYMOUR

Res. 358 Kosciusko St.
Bus. War Dept., Ft. Hamilton
Single

KESSLER, ALLAN

Res. 50 Lefferts Ave.
Bus. Haberdasher, 302 Central Ave.
Single
Proposed by Philip Levin
Leonard Lebow

KOBBE, MARILYN E.

Res. 532 Lefferts Ave.
Proposed by Mrs. Morris Lapidus,
Mrs. J. Rosenman

KORN, IRVING S.

Res. 1153 St. Johns Pl.
Bus. Watches, 608—5th Ave.
Married

Proposed by Robert Krampner,
Morris Krampner

KORN, REUBEN

Res. 888 Montgomery St.
Bus. Elec. Supp., 636 Bway.
Married

Proposed by Robert Krauss

KRAMER, Miss ESTELLE

Res. 1245 President St.

LIEBERMAN, NORMAN

Res. 1505 President St.
Bus. Accountant, Govt.
Married

Proposed by Max D. Zankel,
Robert Krauss

LOONIN, HERMAN

Res. 646 Montgomery St.
Bus. Steel, 300 Meserole St.
Married
Proposed by Alvin E. Moscovitz,
Ralph R. Moscovitz

MILLER, SIDNEY J.

Res. 455 Schenectady Ave.

- Bus. Buyer, 281—8th Ave.
Married
Proposed by Leon Hyman,
Israel Eisenberg
- PHILIPSON, GEORGE
Res. 1248 Union St.
Bus. Printing, 531 Gates Ave.
Married
Proposed by Max Mendelsohn,
Jos. Sheinberg
- RAKOFSKY, Miss IDA
Res. 2176 E. 13th St.
Bus. Attorney, 150 Bway.
Single
- RATTNER, Miss SELMA
Res. 381 Schenck Ave.
- RICHMAN, ALBERT H.
Res. 29 Ludlam Pl.
Bus. Furs, 158 W. 29th St.
Single
Proposed by Bernard Feinstein,
Harry Machler
- ROSENFELD, LESTER R.
Res. 748 St. Marks Ave.
Bus. Cottons, 729 Bway.
Single
Proposed by Isidor B. Rosenfeld,
Leonard Moscovitz
- RUBENSTEIN, HAROLD L.
Res. 466 Crown St.
Bus. Importing, 91 Wall St.
Single
Proposed by Jack Axelrad,
Michael Kahn
- SCHAEFFER, EDWARD P.
Res. 485 Ocean Ave.
Bus. Service Sta., 259 Empire Blvd.
Married
Proposed by Phil Amster,
Geo. Feldman
- SCHWARTZ, Miss FLORENCE
Res. 1024 Montgomery St.
Proposed by Dr. Adolph M. Kellerman
- SCHWARTZ, Miss LILLIAN
Res. 385 So. 4th St.
- SHAPIRO, JAY
Res. 339 New York Ave.
Bus. Jobbing, 72 Duane St.
Single
Proposed by Geo. A. Shapiro
- SHAPIRO, Miss JEANNE
Res. 165 Rockaway Pkwy.
Proposed by Naomi Bachman,
Phyllis Cohen
- SHLAKMAN, MARTIN J.
Res. 742 Montgomery St.
- Bus. Dental Equip., 141—5th Ave.
Married
Proposed by Saul A. Shlakman
- SHULRUF, GEORGE H.
Res. 1604 St. Johns Pl.
Bus. Heating, 187-40 Hollis Ave.
Single
Proposed by Morris Hecht
- SOICHER, Miss RHODA ANNE
Res. 1103 Winthrop Ave.
- SPECTOR, ALBERT
Res. 789 St. Marks Ave.
Bus. Real Est.
Married
Proposed by Frank Schaeffer
- SPRUCK, Miss THELMA
Res. 2101—76th St.
Proposed by Moriam Margolies,
Sylvia Lichtman
- SCHLUSSLE, Miss LILLIAN
Res. 1469 President St.
Proposed by Harry Klaristenfeld
- STEINBERG, HERBERT
Res. 160 Langhorn St.
Bus. Trucking, 756 Flushing Ave.
Married
Proposed by Harry Radutzky,
Alex Radutzky
- STEINBERG, JULIUS
Res. 8514 Avenue B
Bus. Knitwear, 736 Flushing Ave.
Married
Proposed by Harry Radutzky,
Alex Radutzky
- WESELEY, DR. LOUIS J.
Res. 285 New York Ave.
Bus. Physician, 902 Lincoln Pl.
Married
Proposed by Dr. Harry B. Weseley,
Ben Markowe
- WISKOFF, Miss GERTRUDE
Res. 1705 President St.
- YACHNOWITZ, BERNARD
Res. 2289 E. 24th St.
Bus. Butcher, 2317 Avenue X
Single
Proposed by Rita Kaplan,
Muriel Chalkin
- ZIPIN, Miss ARLINE A.
Res. 946 Bushwick Ave.
Proposed by Dr. M. S. Elsberg
- Bus. Finance, 80 Wall St.
Married
Proposed by Dr. Irving L. Cohen
- SENFT, HENRY
Res. 718 Montgomery St.
Bus. Radio Announcer
Single
Proposed by Fred Senft
- ZUCKER, MANNY
Res. 60 Clarkson Ave.
Bus. Children's Sportswear, 114 E.
17th St.
Married
Proposed by Louis Simon

LATE APPLICATIONS

- BERLINER, OSCAR W.
Res. 2169—74th St.
Bus. Sportswear, 141 W. 36th St.
Single
Proposed by Florence Gallant,
Minnie S. Cutler
- BRUCKNER, MARTIN
Res. 832 Eastern Parkway
Single
Proposed by Gerald Jacobs
- KLEIDMAN, RUBEN
Res. 4421—9th Ave.
Single
Proposed by Murray Willig,
Sam Schoenfeld
- ROSENBERG, DAVID
Res. 378 Utica Avenue
Bus. Pants, 12 East 18th St.
Single
Proposed by Leo Cohen,
Stanley Levenson
- SALPETER, DANIEL
Res. 162 Bradford St.
Bus. Textile, 237 Church St.
Single
Proposed by Murray Willig,
Sam Schoenfeld
- SWERLIN, MORRIS
Res. 1452 Carroll St.
Bus. Board of Transportation
Single
- SAMUEL H. GOLDBERG,
Chairman, Membership Committee.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BROOKLYN JEWISH CENTER

DELIVERED BY THE PRESIDENT, EMANUEL GREENBERG

At the Annual Meeting of the Brooklyn Jewish Center held on January 29th the following report on the activities for 1947 was given by the President.

THE numerical growth of our membership from a hoped-for maximum of one thousand to a membership of two and one-half times that size has brought about various problems of adjustment. One of them was that of spiritual leadership. It was apparent that with so large a membership we required the services of another rabbi who would share with Dr. Levinthal the duties and responsibilities of ministering to the needs of our congregants. Rabbi Manuel Saltzman was appointed as Assistant Rabbi and assumed his duties on September 1, 1947. Besides sharing the pulpit with Rabbi Levinthal on Friday evenings and on Sabbath and Holiday mornings, he supervises the activities of the Institute of Jewish Studies for Adults, our Junior Congregation, the clubs for our youth, the Post Consecration Group, etc. He joins the Sisterhood in planning its programs and cooperates in many other Center activities. Rabbi Lewittes, who heretofore served as a part-time principal of the Hebrew School, has become the Assistant Rabbi in charge of our Hebrew Department. He is now serving as a full-time principal of the afternoon Hebrew School, and of our Religious School, which meets on Sunday mornings, and is sharing with Rabbi Saltzman the responsibility for the Junior Congregation.

Another innovation was the engagement of Mr. Julius Grossman as a full-time Musical Director of the Center. Mr. Grossman directs the musical activities of the Hebrew School and Junior Congregation, and has recently organized a most successful Sisterhood Choral of sixty women. The Ritual and Religious Service Committee has for years been grappling with the problem of improving our congregational singing. Following a number of conferences, and with the approval of the Board of Trustees, it has embarked on the organization of a Con-

gregational Singing Group under Mr. Grossman's leadership. This experiment will continue for ten weeks and, if successful, it may become a permanent feature at our Sabbath and Holiday services. Mr. Grossman will also organize and direct the Center choir for the coming High Holy Days.

THE membership of the Center has grown steadily in the past years and, as of December 31, 1947, the enrollment was 2,506. Of this number 1,608 were married and 898 unmarried. At our last annual meeting we reported a membership of 2,284, comprising 1,538 married and 746 unmarried members. Our net gain for the year was 220, an increase not as large as that for last year or the year before. We must be realistic and admit that the tremendous leap in membership from 1,000 in 1942 to more than 2,500 in 1947 was not a normal increase. We can expect a considerable drop in the years to come, particularly if economic conditions should change.

Much to my regret I must report that we have made no progress in our campaign for funds to erect our Educational Institute. In fact, no real attempt was made to raise money for this much needed addition to our facilities. There are several reasons for this, the first and principal one being that in these times of stress for our people we felt that we must give preference to campaigns of more immediate urgency, such as the United Jewish Appeal for the salvation of the Jews in Europe and Palestine. Another reason was the apathy of our members. Too many have failed to respond to our appeals for contributions to the Building Fund. The amount raised thus far is kept intact and will be available when needed. A committee has recently been appointed to devise plans for the resumption of the campaign, the details of which will be announced in the near future. Because of the great rise in the cost of construction, it will be necessary to revise our original estimate of \$250,000 for

the cost of the building. This will make the task of the Committee even more difficult. We have confidence, however, that the membership, which is the largest in our history, will not fail us.

BECAUSE of war conditions we found it necessary to postpone badly needed renovations of the Center building. Last summer a committee consisting of Mr. Samuel Lemberg, Dr. Moses Spatt and Mr. Bernard J. Aaron was charged with the responsibility of supervising these improvements and the results speak for themselves. Special attention was given to renovations in the Auditorium, Lounge Room, Dining Room, Men's and Ladies' Social Rooms and Ladies' Dressing Room. The Committee did a splendid job and we are most grateful to it.

The regular activities of the Center have functioned uninterrupted and with considerable success.

We are conducting three schools for the education of our youth, the Afternoon Hebrew School, the Religious School which meets on Sundays, and the Center Academy. The Hebrew School has a registration of 293 boys and girls, while the Religious School and Consecration classes were attended by 290 pupils. The registration in the Center Academy, our progressive school combining Hebrew and secular instruction, was 184. As a result of conferences between a committee of the Board of Trustees and a committee of the Academy, plans were worked out for more intensive Hebrew studies in that school. Changes were also made in the administrative staff of the school which, we hope, will improve its standing in the field of Jewish and secular education. The total number of boys and girls receiving their Hebrew education at the Center is 767, a most impressive figure.

The Ritual and Religious Service Department has worked diligently to improve our services and, as already noted,

is now giving its attention to the problem of better and more harmonious congregational singing. The Friday night lecture services and all the services throughout the year were well attended.

The Forum Committee has added one more activity to that of the Weekly Forum Lectures and the Round Table Discussion groups which meet on Monday evenings through the season. Beginning this year a number of course lectures to be delivered on Wednesday evenings have been inaugurated. These are of an alternate character, one month being devoted to general topics and the other to subjects of special Jewish interest.

The Institute of Jewish Studies for Adults sponsored by the Center has had a considerable gain in registration. It is now attended by 184 men and women, who are enrolled in its courses in Hebrew, Bible, Jewish History, Religion, Talmud, Prayer Book and Yiddish.

WE ARE proud of the publications issued by the Center, consisting of the monthly *Brooklyn Jewish Center Review*, a literary magazine of Jewish interest, *The Weekly Bulletin*, and the *Center Diary*, published annually before the High Holy Days. These publications have been of considerable help in keeping the membership informed of the events of the Center and of Jewish life in general. The *Review* has been given high ranking in its field, and is read and respected not only by our members, but by the leaders of Jewish communities throughout the country. I thank the Editorial Board for a fine accomplishment.

The Library of the Center has been advancing consistently in size and in popularity. It now contains more than 7,000 books. Our biggest concern is to find space to provide for its continued growth. Like all other activities in the building, it is suffering from crowded conditions. The solution can only be the early erection of the Educational Institute.

The Sisterhood, the Young Folks League and all the clubs for our youth

functioned successfully and provided their membership with interesting programs and entertainment.

Our Physical Training Department had a most successful year. The attendance in 1947 consisted of 43,187 men, women and children. The Center Basketball League has been reorganized this year, and our team is again taking a leading part in this sport.

We have given much assistance to several of the important Jewish fundraising campaigns through special committees appointed for that purpose. Foremost was the annual United Jewish Appeal, which resulted in the raising of close to \$1,100,000. from the membership of the Center. This was among the largest amounts raised by any Jewish institution in the country. The campaign for the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies is not yet completed. Thus far, approximately \$500,000. has been raised by the Center. Our quota for the Jewish Theological Seminary was \$50,000. Through dinners given by the Center, we are confident that this quota will soon be reached.

I am not including the financial report in this message. Our Treasurer, Mr. David Goodstein, will give a special report which will include this information.

It is now my pleasant task to express thanks and appreciation to some of those who were helpful to the Center in the past year.

First and foremost, I want to thank my fellow officers, Dr. Moses Spatt, Hyman Aaron, David Goodstein and Frank Schaeffer, as well as the members of the Board of Trustees and Governing Board. It was their constant and unstinted cooperation that made our success possible. Sincere thanks are due to the officers of the Sisterhood and Young Folks League, as well as to the members of our institution for their loyalty and continued support.

In your behalf and for myself, I extend thanks to our spiritual leader, Rabbi Israel H. Levinthal. We are looking forward to the forthcoming celebration of his sixtieth birthday, an occasion when public recognition will be given to what he has meant to the Center and to Jewish life in this country.

I am also grateful to our Assistant Rabbis, Manuel Saltzman and Mordecai Lewittes, to Dr. Elias Rabinowitz, our Librarian, to our Cantor, William Sauler, to our Sexton, Meyer Rogoff, to the faculties of our schools and to the members of our staff for their splendid service to the Center.

To my right hand, Mr. Joseph Goldberg, are due many thanks and much praise for his unselfish devotion to the Center and for giving so unstintingly of his labor and effort to its welfare.

May I now say a personal word on the completion of five years as your President. You will recall that I succeeded to the leadership from that most gracious of men, the late Joseph M. Schwartz, of blessed memory. I realized what a hard task it was to follow in the footsteps of such a hard working and self-sacrificing leader. Now that five years has passed, all I can say is that I did all that was in my power to be worthy of his memory, and of your confidence in me.

We have just ended a year that will be memorable in the history of our people. 1947 will be remembered as the year when the civilized world, through the United Nations, gave official sanction to the establishment of a Jewish State in the land of our ancient glory, Eretz Israel. Now that the jubilation is over, we must give all our energies to help bring about the fulfillment of our two thousand-year-old dream. Fervently do we pray that this golden opportunity will not find our generation remiss in its duty to this sacred cause and that we shall soon see the Jewish State function successfully for the benefit of our people and of all mankind.

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FRIDAY NIGHT LECTURES AND SERVICES

"Seeing Jewish Life Whole"—Rabbi Jerome Unger—Jan. 3rd.

"Whither American Judaism"—Rabbi Levinthal—Jan. 10th.

"Resistance in Palestine"—Rabbi Lewittes—Jan. 17th.

"Is the Only Choice Capitalism or Communism?"—Dr. Sidney Goldstein—Jan. 24th.

"Pathways Through the Bible"—Rabbi Levinthal—Jan. 31st.

"What of the Jewish Future"—Rabbi Abraham Nowak—Feb. 7th.

"If Lincoln Were Alive Today"—Rabbi Lewittes—Feb. 14th.

"The Founders of Our Republic and Their Message to Us Today"—Rabbi Levinthal—Feb. 21st.

"Amelek and Haman"—A Purim Message—Rabbi Levinthal—Feb. 28th.

"The Miracle of Hebrew Reborn"—Rabbi Lewittes—Mar. 7th.

"What the Army has Taught Us for Post-War Living"—Chaplain David Eichhorn—Mar. 14th.

"The Eternity of Israel"—Rabbi Saltzman—Mar. 21st.

"Induction Services"—Installation of Rabbi Manuel Saltzman as Assistant Rabbi.

Introductory Address by Rabbi Levinthal—Responding Address by Rabbi Saltzman, Rabbi Lewittes and Judge Emanuel Greenberg, participating.

"The American Rabbi in Israel"—Rabbi Saltzman—Oct. 31st.

"The Balfour Declaration—The Story of a Dream, a Struggle and Fulfillment"—Rabbi Levinthal—Nov. 7th.

"American Jewry's Challenge to the Rabbi"—Rabbi Saltzman—Nov. 14th.

"Blessed is the Match"—Rabbi Lewittes—Nov. 21st.

"The Gift for Democracy—Our Greatest Cause for Thanksgiving"—Rabbi Levinthal—Nov. 28th.

"The Rebirth of Our People and Our People's Land"—Rabbi Levinthal—Dec. 5th.

"The Dedication of the New Jewish

State—A Chanukah Sermon"—Rabbi Saltzman—Dec. 12th.

"The Book—The Life of Our People"—Rabbi Manuel Saltzman—Dec. 19th.

HOLIDAY SERVICES

Purim Services—Reading of the Megillah—March 5th.

First days of Passover—Dr. Levinthal, speaker—April 6th and 7th.

Concluding days of Passover—Dr. Levinthal and Rabbi Lewittes—April 11th and 12th.

Shevuoth Services—Followed by Consecration Services—May 25th.

Shevuoth Services—2nd Day—Dr. Levinthal, speaker. Cantor Sauler officiated on both days—May 26th.

Special Baccalaureate Sermon for all Center graduates—Dr. Levinthal, speaker—June 14th.

Tisha B'ab Services—July 26th and 27th.

Slicoth Services—Sept. 6th—Cantor Sauler, assisted by Mr. Oscar Julius and Choir.

Rosh Hashonah Services—Dr. Levinthal, speaker—"The Need for Faith in a Faithful Age"—Sept. 15th. Cantor Sauler officiated throughout the holidays together with the Julius Choir.

Second day of Rosh Hashonah—Rabbi Saltzman, speaker—"Seeing God from Afar"—Sept. 16th.

Rosh Hashonah Services in the Auditorium—Rev. Max Hoeflich, officiating. Sermons amplified from the Main Synagogue on both days.

Kol Nidre Services—"Peace of Mind—Can It Be Attained"—Dr. Levinthal, speaker—Sept. 23rd.

Kol Nidre Services in Auditorium—Rabbi Saltzman, speaker—"Changing Human Nature"—Sept. 23rd.

Yom Kippur Services—Dr. Levinthal—"The Twofold Task Facing the American Jew Today"—Sept. 24th.

Yom Kippur Services in the Auditorium—Rev. Max Hoeflich, officiating—Sermons amplified from Main Synagogue—Sept. 24th.

Junior Congregation Services for the

High Holidays under leadership of Rabbi Lewittes.

Succoth Services—Dr. Levinthal, speaker—"The Significance of the Festival"—Sept. 29th.

Concluding Succoth Services—Dr. Levinthal, speaker—Oct. 7th and 8th.

MONDAY NIGHT FORUMS

Rabbi Morris Adler—"American Jewry—A Critique and an Appraisal"—Jan. 6th.

Frances Perkins—"The Destiny of Labor"—Jan. 13th.

O. John Rogge—"The Challenge to Democracy"—Jan. 20th.

Father Michael J. Ahern—"Design for Racial and Religious Understanding"—Feb. 3rd.

Percy Chen and Chu Tong—Debate—"Should the United States Continue to Support the Nationalist Government in China?"

Gen. Yakhontoff and Prof. Sydney Hook—Debate—"Russian Foreign Policy"—Feb. 24th.

Hilda Yatsing Yen—"United Nations and World Peace"—Mar. 3rd.

Prof. Israel Efros—"Travels Among European Jews"—Mar. 10th.

Dr. Solomon Goldman—"World Crisis and American Jewry"—Mar. 24th.

Max Lerner—"America and the Crisis of Our Times"—Nov. 17th.

Gerold Frank—"Behind the Headlines in Palestine"—Nov. 24th.

Prof. Henry Pratt Fairchild and Prof. Sydney Hook—Debate—"Which Way American Foreign Policy?—Truman or Wallace"—Dec. 1st.

Leon Henderson—"What Can Be Done About the High Cost of Living?"—Dec. 8th.

Dr. Carl Herman Voss—"Fascism in the Guise of Religion"—Dec. 22nd.

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSIONS

Discussion of "Thieves in the Night"—by Arthur Koestler—Hon. William I. Siegel—Jan. 27th.

Discussion of "Resolved That the Use of Violent Resistance in Palestine is Un-

justified and Should be Discouraged"—Judge A. David Benjamin and Harry A. Harrison—Feb. 17th.

Discussion of "Do Teachers Have the Right to Strike?"—Samuel Wallach and Samson Inselbuch—Mar. 17th.

Discussion of "High Prices — Their Causes, Effects and Remedies"—Dr. Jacob Klein — Harry Cooper, moderator —Dec. 15th.

YIDDISH LECTURES

May 11th—Yiddish Literary Evening — Translation of Shakespeare's "King Lear" by Dr. Abraham Asen. Other participants: A. Glanz, Mordecai Jaffe, Abr. Reisen, Wm. Edlin, Dr. S. Simon, A. Teitelbaum, A. Lutzky, Al Harris and A. L. Baron. Proceeds donated to fund for European Jewish writers.

WEDNESDAY EVENING COURSE LECTURES

"MODERN LITERATURE"—Charles Lee. Dec. 3rd—"How to Enjoy Reading." Dec. 10th — "Current Fiction Best Sellers."

Dec. 17th — "Current Non-Fiction Best Sellers."

SISTERHOOD ACTIVITIES

Jan. 13th — Meeting — Discussion of "Who Are to be Our Leaders and Teachers of the Future" by Mrs. Isaac Wiener—Musical Program.

Jan. 30th—Installation and election of officers at the Annual Meeting of the Center.

Feb. 19th — Meeting — Report of the "World Zionist Congress" by Mrs. Hannah O. Jaffe. Musical program by Miss Lucy Kelston, Soprano.

Mar. 10th—Desert Luncheon for the purpose of raising a "Torah Scholarship Fund"—Entertainment by Irene Rosenberg, Pianist, and Sylvia Rosenberg, Violinist.

Apr. 14th—Evening meeting—Review of "Gentlemen's Agreement" by Mrs. Naomi Finkelstein.

Apr. 17th and 29th—Participation in the United Jewish Appeal Luncheons at the Hotel Plaza.

May 12th—Closing meeting of season —Program celebrating Mother's Day.

June 4th—Sisterhood Executive Board —Closing Luncheon.

June 9th—United Jewish Appeal Tea. Oct. 13th—Opening meeting of sea-

son—"Jewish Home Beautiful"—Rabbi Saltzman, narrator—Chants by Cantor Wm. Sauler—Greetings by Dr. Levinthal. Oct. 22nd—Annual Mother-Daughter Luncheon.

Nov. 17th — Participation in "Night of Stars."

Oct. 23rd — Sisterhood Chorale Organized—Julius Grossman, Leader.

Oct. 27th-28th-29th—Participation in Women's Division, Federation of Jewish Philanthropies Luncheons.

Nov. 10th—Meeting—Hon. William I. Siegel, speaker—"Palestine Before the United Nations"—Movie Film.

Dec. 15th—Meeting—Shulamith Perlberg, Vocalist—Shifrah Baraks, Monologist — "The Current Jewish Scene" by Rabbi Saltzman — Community Singing led by Julius Grossman.

YOUNG FOLKS LEAGUE

Jan. 7th—Meeting—Social evening.

Jan. 14th—Meeting—Rabbi Mordecai H. Lewittes, speaker—"Jewish Customs and Traditions."

Jan. 21st — Business meeting — Social hour.

Jan. 28th — Cocktail Party for the "March of Dimes" project.

Feb. 4th—Meeting—Social evening.

Feb. 11th—Business meeting — Social hour.

Feb. 18th—Meeting—Social evening.

Feb. 25th—Meeting—Social evening.

Mar. 4th—Purim Party—Dancing and Cocktails—Clothing drive for SOS.

Mar. 11th—Business meeting — Preparation for Convention of Young Peoples' League of the United Synagogue of America—Social hour.

Mar. 23rd — Participation in Annual Convention of Young Peoples' League of the United Synagogue.

Mar. 25th — Cultural meeting — Discussion on "Orthodox, Conservative and Reform Judaism"—Social hour.

Apr. 8th—Professional Talent Night — Hy Rosen, Master of Ceremonies — Arthur Marcus, Pianist.

Apr. 13th — Dance in behalf of the United Jewish Appeal.

Apr. 15th—Meeting—Election of officers and members of the Executive Board.

Apr. 22nd—Talent Night — Herbert Levine and Arthur Marcus participating.

May 20th—Game Night and social hour.

June 3rd—Meeting of Roof Garden—Dancing and social hour.

June 10th—Dance in behalf of the United Jewish Appeal.

June 17th — Participation in Hapoel Soccer Game at Ebbers Field.

June 24th — Roof Garden meeting — Social hour.

Sept. 1st — Participation in Young Peoples' League Labor Day Week-end at Camp Cejwin.

Sept. 24th — Yom Kippur Night Dance.

Oct. 7th—Season's opening meeting—Social hour.

Oct. 14th—Meeting—Social hour.

Oct. 21st — Meeting — Film showing and social evening.

Nov. 4th—Election Night Social Get-Together.

Nov. 11th — Meeting — Professional Talent from Center Membership Social.

Nov. 15th — Participation in Young Peoples' League Dance at Temple Anshe Chesed.

Nov. 18th—Meeting — Group discussion on "Jewish Contributions to Art and Literature."

Nov. 25th — Dance for the Damon Runyon Cancer Fund.

Dec. 9th—Social Get-Together—Program of entertainment.

Dec. 16th — Celebration of "Jewish Book Month"—Gideon Schocken, Guest Speaker.

Dec. 23rd and 30th — Social Get-Togethers.

PHYSICAL TRAINING COMMITTEE

Basketball Games

B.J.C. vs. Jersey City "Y"—Jan. 5th. B.J.C. vs. Union League of Deaf Mutes—Jan. 12th.

B.J.C. vs. Pelham Parkway House—Jan. 19th.

B.J.C. vs. Arverne Club—Jan. 26th. B.J.C. vs. Spartan A. C.—Feb. 9th.

B.J.C. vs. Union Temple—Feb. 12th. B.J.C. vs. Pelham Parkway A. A.—Feb. 16th.

B.J.C. vs. Grand Street Boys —Feb. 23rd.

B.J.C. vs. Jersey Park A. A. — Mar. 2nd.

B.J.C. vs. New York Collegiates — Mar. 9th.

B.J.C. vs. Hebrew Educational Society—Mar. 16th.

B.J.C. vs. Union Temple—Mar. 23rd.

B.J.C. vs. College All-Stars — Mar. 30th.

B.J.C. vs. Park A. A. of New Jersey —Nov. 9th.

B.J.C. vs. Grand Street Boys — Nov. 16th.

B.J.C. vs. Collegiate All-Stars — Nov. 23rd.

B.J.C. vs. Boro Park "Y" — Nov. 30th.

B.J.C. vs. 92nd Street "Y" — Dec. 14th.

B.J.C. vs. Washington Heights "Y"—Dec. 21st.

B.J.C. vs. Bronx College All-Stars — Dec. 28th.

JUNIOR ACTIVITIES

Maccabees and Tzofim—Game Night —Jan. 4th.

Junior League — Meeting—Discussion on "Shall We Accept or Reject Partition as a Solution for the Question of Palestine"—Jan. 9th.

Inta-League Girls—Discussion on best sellers dealing with Palestine—Jan. 18th.

Inta-League Boys — Discussion—"The Madison Square Garden"—Jan. 18th.

Junior League — Meeting—Social and dancing—Jan. 23rd.

Junior League — Meeting — Film — "Home Are the Hunted" — Dancing — Feb. 6th.

Inta-League Girls and Boys — Joint party celebrating Chamisha Oser B'shvat —Feb. 1st.

Junior League—Novelty Dance—Feb. 13th.

Inta-League Girls and Boys—Annual Theatre Party at the Provincetown Playhouse—Feb. 15th.

Junior League — Meeting — Stunt Night, Marty Karlin, Leader—Social hour and dancing—Feb. 20th.

Junior League — Meeting — Social and cultural evening—Feb. 27th.

Junior Clubs — Joint Music Festival given by the Music Division of the Youth Groups to all Junior Clubs—Feb. 27th.

Junior League — Meeting — Rabbi Lewittes, speaker—"Purim in Palestine"—Mar. 13th.

Junior League—Novelty Night—Scavenger—Mar. 20th.

Junior League — Meeting — Rabbi Lewittes, speaker—"Passover in Palestine"—Mar. 27th.

Inta-League Clubs—Carnival in behalf of the United Jewish Appeal—Mar. 29th.

Junior League — Meeting—Discussion of "Gentlemen's Agreement"—Dancing —Apr. 3rd.

Junior League — Spring Hop — Apr. 12th.

Inta-League Clubs—Films on Palestine and Comedies—May 10th.

Junior League—Meeting—Social evening—May 15th.

Junior League—Meeting—Larry Green of Jewish War Veterans, speaker — "Fighting Hate Groups"—May 22nd.

Junior League — Meeting — Musical Quiz—Mar. 29th.

Junior League — Meeting—Discussion "Operation Nevez" in cooperation with the Crown Heights Yeshiva—June 4th.

Junior League — Business meeting — Plan discussion for closing affair of season—June 12th.

Junior League—Closing social—Dancing and entertainment—June 23rd.

Junior League — Opening of season — Meeting—Sept. 13th.

Junior and Intermediate Clubs—Opening Meeting—Oct. 11th.

Junior League—Novelty Night—Oct. 16th.

Junior League — Meeting—Discussion of "The Problem of Inter-Marriage" by Rabbi Lewittes—Oct. 23rd.

Junior League — Meeting—Social evening—Nov. 6th.

Junior League — Meeting—Panel discussion on "Does College Contribute More Than the Business World in the Development of Personality?" — Nov. 13th.

Junior League—Musical Program—Social evening—Nov. 20th.

Junior League—Thanksgiving Social—Nov. 27th.

Junior Clubs — Joint celebration of "Jewish State" — Palestinian songs and dances—Nov. 29th.

Inta-League Clubs — Celebration of "Jewish Book Month" — Book Reviews and Quizzes—Nov. 29th.

Junior League — Meeting—Discussion — "The Jew on the American Literary Scene" in celebration of "Jewish Book Month"—Dec. 4th.

Junior Clubs—Chanukah celebration—Skits and Festival Songs—Dec. 6th.

Junior League — Chanukah Pageant—Dec. 11th.

Junior League — Business meeting — Discussion of plans for the Vacation Dance—Dec. 18th.

Junior League—Vacation Dance—Dec. 30th.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Annual Meeting—Election and Installation of Officers—Jan. 30th.

Participation in Borough Dinner on behalf of the Jewish Theological Seminary —Judge Emanuel Greenberg, Chairman —Feb. 26th.

Membership Social—Jewish Music Festival — Dvora Lapon, Elia Belsin and Gadl Saleski—Mar. 5th.

Passover Sedorim—Apr. 4th and 5th.

Annual Dinner in behalf of the United Jewish Appeal — Mr. Samuel Lemberg, Chairman—May 1st.

Membership Social — Program by Hy Rosen, Arthur Marcus and John Prince Mendez—May 7th.

Participation in sale of tickets for the Hapoel Soccer Game at Ebbets Field—June 17th.

Membership Social—Entertainment by Israel Welchansky, Character Portrayals — Murray Schne, Concert Violinist — Hapoel Hamizrachi Youth Choral—Oct. 2nd.

Center dinner in behalf of Federation of Jewish Philanthropies. Mr. Samuel Lemberg, guest of honor—Oct. 30th.

Membership Social—Entertainment by Emil Boreo—Ken Whitmer—Nov. 11th.

Thanksgiving Dinner for Center members—Nov. 27th.

Jewish Book Night — Speakers — Dr. Levinthal, Mrs. Sophie Udin Gindgul—Cantor Sauler, Soloist—Dec. 2nd.

Membership Social — Chanukah Program—Eli Mintz—Yfrah Neaman, Palestinian Violinist, and Cantor Wm. Sauler accompanied by Sisterhood Chorale —Dec. 9th.

New Year's Eve Dinner and Dance—Dec. 31st.

HEBREW AND SUNDAY SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Jan. 26th—Pargod (Hebrew Theater party).

Feb. 5th—Chamisha Asar Beshvat celebration.

Feb. 23rd—Annual Children's Assembly at Hunter College.

Feb. 27th — United Parent-Teachers Association Meeting.

Mar. 5th—Children's Magillah reading.

Mar. 6th—Purim Class Parties.

Mar. 9th — Purim School Entertainment.

Mar. 16th—Histadrut Ivrit Campaign.

Apr. 1st—Model Seder.

Apr. 4th-12th—Passover Vacation.

Apr. 13th—Theater Party, "Rich Man —Poor Man."

Apr. 14th—PTA meeting, Rabbi Gordon speaker on "A Chaplain Views Jewish Education."

May 11th—Lag B'Omer Assembly.

May 15th—PTA meeting. Mr. Emanuel Edelstein, speaker. Topic, "Educational Standards."

May 18th—Hebrew Educators Campaign for funds.

May 25th—Consecration Exercises.

June 5th—Palestine Exhibit Outing.

June 15th — Hebrew and Sunday School Graduations.

June 15th—Inter-School Music Rally.

June 22nd—Kerem Ami Allocation of Funds.

June 24th—Promotion Day.

June 26th—Teachers' End-term Meeting.

Sept. 4th—Opening of Hebrew School.

Sept. 28th — Opening of Sunday School.

Oct. 6th — Simchat Torah Procession and Initiation.

Oct. 19th—G. O. Assembly.

Nov. 23rd — Thanksgiving Assembly and play.

Dec. 7th—Chanukah Entertainment.

Dec. 31st—Winter vacation.

Dec. 31st—J.N.F. Drive. \$405. collected and a garden planted in Palestine as a reward.

HEBREW EDUCATION COMMITTEE

(a) INSTITUTE OF JEWISH STUDIES FOR ADULTS

Dr. Israel H. Levinthal, Director.

Rabbi Manuel Saltzman, Associate Director.

Mrs. E. N. Rabinowitz, Secretary.

Hebrew A-1: Every Thursday at 8 P.M., Mrs. Evelyn Zusman, Instructor.

Hebrew A-2: Every Thursday at 8 P.M., Mr. Samuel Edelheit, Instructor.

Hebrew B: Every Thursday at 8 P.M., Mrs. Paula Weinreb, Instructor.

Hebrew C: Every Thursday at 8 P.M., Mrs. Jean Serbin-Beder, Instructor.

Advanced Hebrew and Bible in Hebrew: Every Thursday, 8:30-10 P.M., Miss Lillie Rubee, Instructor.

Yiddish: Every Thursday at 7 P.M., Mr. Samuel Edelheit, Instructor.

Religion: Every Thursday at 9 P.M., Rabbi Manuel Saltzman, Instructor.

History: Every Tuesday at 8 P.M., Mr. Leo Shpall, Instructor.

Talmud A: Every Tuesday at 9 P.M., Dr. Michael Higger, Instructor.

Talmud B: Every Tuesday at 8 P.M., Dr. Michael Higger, Instructor.

Special Day Classes—

Religion and Bible: Every Wednesday morning 10-12, Dr. Alexander J. Burnstein, Instructor.

Prayer Book: Every Monday morning 10-12, Mr. Leo Shpall, Instructor.

(b) THREE-DAY WEEK HEBREW SCHOOL

Meets weekdays from 4 to 6 P.M., Sundays at 9:45 and 11:15 A.M. Curriculum includes Hebrew, Chumash, Sidur, Jewish History and Music.

(c) RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Primary department, kindergarten through 5th grade, meets every Sunday from 10 A.M. to 12 M. Boys beyond third grade are required to attend Hebrew School. Girls in the upper three grades (6, 7 and 8) attend an additional session during the week.

(d) POST-GRADUATE CLASS

Meets from 10 A.M. to 1 P.M. every Sunday. Restricted to graduates of the Hebrew School and Center Academy. Curriculum includes Hebrew literature, Tanach and Jewish History.

(e) CONSECRATION GROUP OF GIRLS

Every Sunday morning, 10 to 12.

(f) POST BAR-MITZVAH FELLOWSHIP

Meets every Sunday morning from 10 to 12.

(g) FLORENCE MARSHALL HEBREW HIGH SCHOOL

Meets three times weekly. Four-year course.

(h) POST-CONSECRATION GROUP

Junior Group, meets the last Monday of each month at the Center.

Senior Group, meets every third Wednesday of month with Rabbi Saltzman at home of a Post-Consecrant.

(i) JUNIOR CONGREGATION

The children of the Hebrew School meet every Saturday morning and during holidays in the Beth Hamedrash. Sermons are delivered by the members of the Hebrew School Faculty and guest speakers. High Holy Day services for the Junior Congregation were held during Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

HEBREW AND SUNDAY SCHOOL FACULTIES

Dr. Israel H. Levinthal, Director; Rabbi Mordecai H. Lewites, Principal; Mrs. E. N. Rabinowitz, Registrar; Mr. Julius Grossman, Musical Director; Miss Phyllis Polikoff, Secretary. Mr. Samuel Edelheit, Mr. Leo Shpall, Mrs. Jean Serbin-Beder, Mrs. Paula Weinreb, Mrs. Evelyn Zusman, Mr. Yehudi Cohen, Mr. George Epstein, Mr. Murry Gabel; Mrs. Nellie Cohen, High School Department; Sunday School: Miss Judith Abelson, Miss Mildred Mogilensky, Miss Chayah Weisgal, Miss Hannah Wiedman, Miss Lila Marcus, Miss Laura Sorscher, Mrs. Miriam Tessler, Mr. Jacob Grumet, Mr. Irving Gabel, Mr. Seymour Wadler; Miss Laura Viders for the Consecration Class and Mr. Irvin Rubin for the Post-Bar Mitzvah Fellowship.

Saturday Afternoon Class

Meets every Saturday afternoon throughout the season. Rabbi Gerson Abelson, speaker.

Classes in Talmud and Mishnayith

Class in Talmud meets Saturday afternoon throughout the year. Mr. Jacob S. Doner, Instructor.

CENTER CLUBS

YOUNG FOLKS' LEAGUE — Unmarried Center members as well as children of members, males over 21 years and females over 18 years.

MASADA CHAPTER—Young men and women of college age. Zionist and social program. Meets weekly.

JUNIOR LEAGUE — Boys 17-20. Girls 16-19. Meets every Thursday night.

INTA-LEAGUE BOYS — Boys in junior and senior years of high school. Cultural

athletic and social program. Meets every Saturday night.

INTA-LEAGUE GIRLS—Girls in high school. Cultural and social program. Meets every Saturday night.

ANU—Boys and girls of high school age. Intensive Jewish program improvising the tutoring of Judaism. Meets Monday nights.

SHOMRIM—Boys in the first two years of high school. Young Judean and athletic activities. Meets every Saturday night.

VIVALETS—Girls in the upper grades. Young Judean and social program. Meets every Saturday night.

TZOFIM AND MACCABEES—Boys in elementary school. Young Judean and athletic program. Meets every Saturday night.

CANDLE-LITES—Girls up to 11. Games, Arts and Crafts. Meets every Saturday night.

Boy Scout and Girl Scout Troops.

Center Clubs are open to the children of Center members and to the students of Center schools. The clubs are guided by expert leaders under the supervision of Rabbi Saltzman.

RECORD OF BAR MITZVAHS

Robert Allen Stachenfeld, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Stachenfeld—Jan. 4th.

Leonard Allen Gottlieb, son of Mr. and Mrs. Irving J. Gottlieb—Jan. 11th.

Donald and Morton Manes, twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Manes—Jan. 18th.

Thomas Blumberg, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack N. Blumberg—Jan. 25th.

Philip Alan Silverman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Silverman—Feb. 1st.

Jonathan Chernoble, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Chernoble—Feb. 8th.

Elliott George Levy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Levy, Jr.—Feb. 22nd.

Howard Lieberman, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Lieberman—Feb. 22nd.

Jack Stewart Caplan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Caplan—Mar. 1st.

Joseph Kofsky, son of Mr. and Mrs. Irving Kofsky—Mar. 1st.

Norbert Weissberg, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Weissberg—Mar. 8th.

Jed Isaacs, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Isaacs—Mar. 15th.

Paul Beldock, son of Hon. and Mrs. George J. Beldock—Mar. 22nd.

David S. Kenin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Kenin—Apr. 19th.

Harold Mitrani, son of Mr. and Mrs. Solomon Mitrani—Apr. 26th.

Chester Feldman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Abr. Feldman—May 3rd.

Michael Aronchick, son of Dr. and Mrs. George C. Aronchick—May 3rd.

Milton Sheldon Herman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Herman—May 10th.

Edward Roy Haiken, son of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Haiken—May 10th.

Simon Harrison Jerrold, son of Dr. and Mrs. Harry E. Jerrold—May 17th.

Philip Rubin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Rubin—May 17th.

David Samuel Rosen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Abraham N. Rosen—May 24th.

Jay P. Joseph, son of Mrs. Arthur Joseph—May 31st.

Edward Kaplan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Kaplan—May 31st.

Ferry Marder, son of Mr. and Mrs. Murray Marder—May 31st.

Louis and Abraham Dan, twin sons of Dr. and Mrs. Julius M. Dan—June 7th.

Stephen Mark David, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis David—June 14th.

Stephen Roger Leventhal, son of Ethel S. Leventhal and Norman Leventhal—June 14th.

Morton Bromberg, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Bromberg—June 21st.

Irwin Nelson, son of Dr. and Mrs. Louis S. Nelson—June 21st.

Jacob Soloway, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hyman Soloway—June 21st.

Andrew Volet, son of Mr. and Mrs. William B. Volet—June 28th.

David Lawrence Siegel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Siegel—June 28th.

Edward Elliott Sharkey, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Sharkey—July 5th.

Martin Kramer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Irving Kramer—Sept. 13th.

Jerry Buchalter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Buchalter—Sept. 20th.

Gerald and Ira Rosenbloom, twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. Hillie Rosenbloom—Oct. 11th.

William Fischer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Fischer—Oct. 11th.

Ronald Neuwirth, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Neuwirth—Oct. 18th.

Stanley Shapiro, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Shapiro—Oct. 25th.

Jonah Atlas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Atlas—Nov. 1st.

Harry B. Lipton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Murray Lipton—Nov. 8th.

Samuel M. Rappaport, son of Mr. and Mrs. Murray Rappaport—Nov. 22nd.

Edmund Stelzer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Abraham J. Stelzer—Nov. 29th.

Charles Diker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Diker—Dec. 6th.

David Heller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Heller—Dec. 13th.

William Goldstein, son of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Goldstein—Dec. 20th.

Irving Dworetzky, son of Dr. and Mrs. Morris Dworetzky—Dec. 27th.

CENTER ACADEMY EVENTS

Jan. 15th—Meeting of P.T.A. Dr. Milton I. Levine, speaker; topic, "Child Discipline."

Feb. 6th—Meeting of 8th Grade parents to discuss High Schools—Mrs. Soskin and Mrs. Greenstein, speakers.

Feb. 12th—Brotherhood Assembly.

Feb. 19th—Meeting of P.T.A. Rabbi Israel H. Levinthal, speaker; topic, "Educational Philosophy Underlying Our Center Academy."

Mar. 6th—Purim Celebration.

Mar. 12th—P.T.A. meeting. The Community Folk Dance Group entertain and conduct folk dancing for membership.

Mar. 19th—Registration for school year 1947-48 opens.

Apr. 1st—Seder conducted by the pupils of Center Academy.

Apr. 16th—Meeting of P.T.A. Dr. Norman Kelman, practicing psychiatrist associated with the Jewish Board of Guardians and American Institute of Psychoanalysis, speaker; topic, "Building Emotional Security in Children."

May 21st—Closing meeting of P.T.A. for the term. Election of officers of the P.T.A. for year 1947-48 and report of the surveys of the school given by Dr. Solomon J. Miller, President Board of Trustees of Center Academy.

May 25th—Shevuoth celebration.

June 11th—Graduation.

June 13th—School closes.

Sept. 8th—School opened.

Oct. 5th—Succoth celebration.

Oct. 29th—Executive Board meeting of P.T.A.

Nov. 3rd—School open for visitors.

Nov. 5th—Executive Board meeting of P.T.A.

Nov. 10th—Armistice Day Assembly.
Nov. 19th—First Meeting of P.T.A.
Report by Educational Committee.

Nov. 26th—Thanksgiving Assembly.
Dec. 2nd—Jewish Book Month Celebration. Graduating class in charge of Juvenile Exhibit.

Dec. 11th—Chanukah celebration.
Dec. 17th—Classroom meetings of the P.T.A.

The Jews In Vienna

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correspondent, I. F. Stone, who described it as follows:

"Its squalor and vitality contrast with the faded loveliness of the city. When we marched up, the sidewalk and the steps were crowded with refugees waiting to greet any friends, relatives, or comrades they might find among the newcomers. There were cries of joy, kisses and hugs, when some of those waiting recognized people they knew in our group. . . . We were shepherded through the crowds and down a dark staircase into a basement full of people. We passed rooms used as a trades school and as a repair shop for shoes and clothing into a large room for our medical examination. . . . To march across borders illegally, stateless and homeless, without documents, and then to come at last to a place where one meets a friendly reception, where one is given an identity card, is something only a refugee can fully appreciate. One suddenly becomes a person, with a name, a number, and a paper. One now has a right to move freely in the American zone of Austria. This privilege and this blessing the Jewish refugee owes to the American occupying forces."

Very often the Viennese, hungry and insecure as they are, blame all their ills on the DP's, especially the Jewish ones—even if the latter constitutes less than one-tenth of the entire DP population of Austria. Crypto-Nazis foster anti-Semitism whenever possible (although the statement that Jewish lives will be threatened after the end of occupation seem to be exaggerated). So far, only a few Austrians have begun to realize that it is they who are to be blamed for the catastrophe of 1938 and the seven lean years of Nazism, since they had never been truly democratic, truly peace-loving people. But perhaps it is unfair to argue

with those existing on a starvation diet. (This is, at least, the opinion of Chief Rabbi Dr. Leo Baeck concerning the German people!) It is true that in order to better the life of Austrian Jewry the living conditions of all Austrians, regardless of faith and origin, will have to be improved. But it remains to be seen whether the Austrians will prove worthy of the trust put in them by the world once the substantial loan they are going to receive under the Marshall Plan will have diminished their economic worries.

U. J. A. Campaign

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United Jewish Appeal this year. The lives of our brethren in Eretz Israel depends on our money and our aid.

In most communities the U.J.A. drive for the unprecedented sums needed will soon be launched. The complete mobilization of all the energies of the American Jewish community is needed in order to insure the success of this effort to provide for the national defense and the economic strength of the new Jewish State. All Zionist organizations have already pledged themselves to form a United Front for U.J.A. by cooperating with local committees conducting the campaign and by not engaging in any publicity or activity which may divert Zionists for this major campaign.

We usually think of the Yishuv in Eretz Israel as being only the recipient of American dollars and campaign funds. But the Yishuv itself is setting an example of generosity and self-sacrifice which is beyond all praise. It is planning to announce an increase in its quota for national defense from two million dollars to a minimum of eight million dollars. This does not include its own campaigns for the Jewish National Fund, Keren Hayesod, etc. Thus, the Yishuv is not only providing the manpower in the struggle for a Jewish State, but is doing more than its share in contributing economically along with American Jews to the campaign.

Every American Jew must set his heart and his mind to work to provide for Jewish defense and for the new Jewish State. We who are most fortunate must not fail in our responsibility to Eretz Israel and to our people.

—M. S.

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